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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO FY 1976 PROSPECTIVE

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1. ETHIOPIA HAS RECEIVED ALMOST NO THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM 1970 TO DATE. MOST NON-US MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ETHIOPIAN INVENTORY PRESENTLY PRE-DATES 1970 AND WAS MOSTLY PURCHASED BY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. IN 1971 ETHIOPIA PURCHASED A CONVERTED MINE SWEEPER (MS-41) FROM THE NETHERLANDS. IT IS USED AS A NAVAL PATROL CRAFT. THE FRENCH DONATED A DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER USED TO TRAIN NAVY DIVERS IN 1972. FRANCE ALSO PRESENTED EX-EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE WITH A GIFT ALOUETTE HELICOPTER IN 1973 TO TRANSPORT VIP'S.

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3. INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS TEACH IN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ACADEMIES BUT

THIS PROGRAM IS MAINTAINED AT ETHIOPIAN EXPENSE.

4. BETWEEN 1970 AND 1973, WHEN ETHIOPIA BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, ISRAEL PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY \$1.5 MILLION IN GRANT ASSISTANCE IN POLICE AND COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING.

5. THE SMALL AMOUNT OF THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN THE PAST HAS DONE LITTLE TO MEET ETHIOPIAN BONA FIDE MILITARY NEEDS. IT HAS NOT BEEN INIMICAL TO THE REALIZATION OF US OBJECTIVES IN ETHIOPIA. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTS OCCASIONALLY USED THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE US TO INCREASE MILITARY ASSISTANCE, THE PRESENT (TEFERI BANTE) GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DONE SO.
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6. FYI. EMBASSY HAS JUST OBTAINED INTELLIGENCE FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT ETHIOPIA IS RECEIVING OR IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY 175 TONS OF YUGOSLAV MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PRINCIPALLY AMMUNITION (SEE ADDIS 4512). THESE ALLEGED SHIPMENTS, IF TRUE, WOULD LIKELY IMPINGE ON THE US-ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP TO A LIMITED DEGREE. THE INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS STILL TENTATIVE AND SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS IF NECESSARY ONLY IN CLASSIFIED FORM. END FYI.
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